

THE LEGISLATURE.

Council in Executive Session. Confirms Nomination of W. E. Cullen for Attorney-General.

A NEW HOUSE RULE.

Amendment Added to the Bill for the Protection of Wild Game—A Number of Bills Pass to Third Reading and are Considered.

The legislators looked weary yesterday and it was an expressed desire of many to adjourn until Monday, but as no one made such a motion sessions will be held today as usual. Evidently of the opinion that the minutes of the house were not kept in proper shape a motion of Moore to have them read from the journal instead of from slips of paper prevailed. The bill for the protection of game was so amended as to make it punishable to kill buffalo or beaver for the next ten years and mountain sheep or goats for six years. Haskell introduced a bill providing for the creation of a territorial board of examiners. The bill which provides for the transfer of money from poor and road funds to the general fund was recommended for passage. The appointment of Judge Cullen as attorney general was confirmed by the council which disposed of considerable miscellaneous business.

THE COUNCIL.

After prayer by the chaplain and the reading of the minutes, the council committee reported council bill No. 16, concerning attachments, with the recommendation that it pass; also council bill No. 15, providing for justices of the peace filling the office of magistrate under certain circumstances, with slight amendments and recommendation for passage. Both bills were placed on general orders.

Collins, from the printing committee, reported council bill No. 17, defining when acts should take effect, and council bill No. 18, concerning a vacancy law, correctly printed. Both were referred to the judiciary committee.

Thompson, of Deer Lodge, introduced council bill No. 20, defining the eastern boundary of Deer Lodge county. It provides that the eastern boundary shall begin on the first standard parallel north of the base line, according to the government survey of public lands in Montana territory, at the southeast corner of section thirty-two, township five north, range seven west, and thence north to the summit of the main range of the Rocky Mountains, thence along the summit to a point directly north of Medicine Tree Hill. The bill was read the first and second times and referred to the council committee.

Council bill No. 3, providing for a commission to survey the boundaries of the west side counties, having passed the house, was referred to the enrolling committee.

The council went into committee of the whole, Brown in the chair. The first bill considered was Brown's bill reducing the legal rate of interest to 7 percent.

The president was not prepared to say it was wise to reduce the rate of interest so much at the present time.

Blackford thought the reduction was rather too radical, as when the rate was considered it brought the rate of interest down to the same figure as prevailed in the states.

Kennedy believed that the bill practically only covered judgments in the courts, and as most judgments were against parties who could not pay the original debt it was not well to add a high rate of interest.

Middleton admitted that the law would largely apply to judgments, but thought the reduction most great and therefore moved that the bill be amended by making the rate 8 percent.

The amendment was adopted and after a verbal amendment the chair was instructed to report the bill back with amendments and recommendation for passage.

Council bill No. 12, providing for drawing jurors, was next considered. The amendments offered by the judiciary committee were adopted, and with some other amendments the bill was favorably reported. As the bill reads now, the grand jury is to be drawn as at present, and the chairman of the board, thereupon clerk, and the probate judge are the officers to draw the jury.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

The Proposition to Establish Store Works in Helena or Vicinity Considered by the Board.

A PROPOSITION TABLED.

The Hunt Bill Endorsed by the Committee of Thirty—Other Local Happenings in the City as Gleaned by Reporters.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the First National bank parlors last evening, with a fair attendance. Vice-president Holter, in the absence of the president, occupied the chair. Secretary Walker, being requested to state the object of the meeting, read a letter from a gentleman offering to establish a store works in Helena, and to consider the proposition made the meeting had been called. A gentleman having a store plant in Helena, who had been successful in the quality of wood and coal stoves, and that it would require six or eight buildings to carry on his work, and that the plant would cost upwards of \$50,000 to place in running operation. When running at capacity of 100 men would find employment, and he was satisfied that after running one year he would sell out of every 100 stoves used in the territory, as he could undersell eastern manufacturers. His object in writing was to find out what inducement Helena would give him to remove his plant to this city. In other words the gentleman wished to know if the Board of Trade, and is anxious to ascertain just how much they will give him to come to Helena.

The proposition of the store man was discussed, it being the prevailing opinion that if a manufacturer could run a store plant in Helena as successfully as he could in the east, it would be a business that would not outside of Helena. It was decided that the Board of Trade should be extended to manufacturers to take in Helena, and the secretary was instructed to answer the gentleman's letter, inviting him to come to Helena, look over the field and talk the matter over. If he had no objection the Board of Trade would certainly lend its assistance within its power for the establishment of the plant.

Mr. Herschfeld stated that the Board had held a practical existence for so long, meeting around from place to place, that he thought it high time a permanent abode should be chosen which would be a credit to the organization and the city. He wanted a place where strangers could be taken, where the secretary could have pleasant rooms and where business could be transacted advantageously.

It was suggested that Porter, Muth & Co. should offer rooms in the new iron building on lower main street to the board, and the acceptance or non-acceptance of the same was discussed.

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An Old-Fashioned Debate Indulged in and New Members Elected.

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HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer. James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No. 15 North Main street.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining cars, leaving Helena at 11:35 a. m. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

Dr. Carrow Thompson, office with Drs. Steele and Read, over R. S. Hale & Co.'s drug store. Practice limited to diseases of rectum, or lower bowel, and anus. Office hours, 10 a. m. to 12 m., 2 to 5 p. m., and 7 to 9 at night.

PIONEER CLUB HOP.

The Fourth of the Series Held at Assembly Hall a Pleasant Affair.

The fourth of the series of parties of the Pioneer club was given last evening at Assembly hall. It was a great social success and Kossner's orchestra of eight pieces added inspiration to the occasion. The program was well planned and able. The party was composed of Messrs. and Mesdames Child, Hibbard, Klein, Smith, Sligh, Gans, W. Child, Sands, Loeb, Sam Kennett, McConnell, Webb, Switzer, Brunell, Edgar, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Barker, Missa Child, Rummel, Mrs. Barker, Davenport, Feldberg, Crum, Bach, Keeler, Kane, Ramsey, Martin, Marks, Messrs. Hugh McQuaid, Geo. Child, Judge Bach, Middleton, Cavanaugh, Stork, Marks, Loeb, Laiter, Kane, Thornburg, Davenport, King, Krugbaum, Gunn, Lieb, Carnochan, Hunter, Brown, Helwig, Yanger and Pattenaunder.

WOMEN AS LAWYERS.

A Helena Institution that Places Both Sexes on an Equal Footing.

The bill to allow women to practice law is one of the much-talked-of measures now before the legislature. Women are opposed to giving the fair sex this privilege, but the Montana Investment company treats both sexes alike and has many fair clients among the title purchasers, who stand the same chance that men do of winning the capital prize, the \$300,000 Aborn House, or any of the 153 cash prizes, running as high as \$5,000 each, which will be distributed in the grand drawing on March 30th. Whole tickets, \$5; fifths, \$1.

Charity Concert at the Opera House.

The concert of war songs next Tuesday evening at the opera house, promises to bring out a crowded audience. One of the notable attractions will be Miss Kossner's recitation which is accomplished by several impressive tableaux, among them "The Sway of Democracy and Liberty Chained," "The Battle of Gettysburg," "Reading the Chains," etc.

The thrilling song "Testing To-night on the Old Camp Ground" will be rendered by old soldiers, closing with a tableau. There will be many familiar melodies with guitar accompaniment, and the closing tableau will be radiant with the beauties of our choicest Helena society. Entertainment by our home talent will crown the opera-house, and this will be of rare excellence.

Rooms! Rooms! In the new Harvey building, Grand street, near First National bank, can be found the most convenient and desirable furnished houses, single or in suits, in the city. All light, cheerful rooms. Rent by day, week or month. Weekly rates from \$3 to \$8. Special rates by the month.

Chas. T. Morrell.

The gun and lock smith, has removed to Thompson block, opposite Grand Central hotel.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The first heavy snowstorm of the season was raging yesterday all over the upper Michigan peninsula.

Gov. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, has signed the joint resolution submitting to the vote of the people the proposed prohibition amendment to the constitution.

Searle, the Australian champion, says in a letter that if Connor or anybody else wants to row him they must come to Australia, as he will not go elsewhere.

The handsome new residence of P. T. Barron, at Seattle, Wash., was burglarized last night and robbed of \$35,000 worth of jewelry.

The Nebraska house has passed the senate resolution providing for the submission to the people of the prohibition amendment, after giving a seven days' notice of a constitutional license amendment shall be voted on at the same election.

At the Opera House.

Loe Osborne and company presented "The Artiste" last night and those that were not present missed a dramatic treat. The rendition of the play was admirable by all the company. The Cora of Miss Osborne was very strong, and the Potain of Jay Simms was excellent. Mr. Simms was above himself and has in the character something that should bring him reward. Mr. Murdoch splendidly supported Miss Osborne. The same play to-night, and everyone who wishes a dramatic treat should attend. "A Celebrated Case" at the matinee this morning. Popular prices.

Young People's Entertainment.

The Young People's Chautauque society of the Presbyterian church gave a social entertainment at the residence of Mrs. D.

W. Cuthbert last evening. The committee

(consisting of the Messrs. Hedges, Wade, Cuthbert and Wilcox and Messrs. French, Tittle and Waster) gave evidence of unusual ability and artistic taste in a display of living pictures, all of which were beautiful and many laughable. Suitable refreshments were served. An interesting evening as highly pleasing part of the evening's program was the performance of "Our Johnnie" by the Messrs. Hedges, Wade and Cuthbert. The original songs and jokes, gotten up expressly for this occasion, were heartily enjoyed by all.

A GAME OF BLUFF.

The Proposed Distillery at Bozeman Started on Paper to Further a Scheme.

"The distillery plant is lost to Bozeman by the reported selling out of eastern stockholders to the combine."

The above was a dispatch from Bozeman printed in the Independent Thursday morning. It gave a general outline of the Bozeman last night was asked what it meant. He replied: "I don't believe the 'reported selling out to the combine' part of it. True it is we shall not have the distillery, and I don't think it was ever really intended to be started. I, as well as many other Montana people, have been deceived by Messrs. Crouse and Damon. Mr. Woodbridge handled the 'proved' like a professional. The original songs and jokes, gotten up expressly for this occasion, were heartily enjoyed by all."

That Debate.

The discussion between Rev. Mr. Berry, of the Disciples church, and Rev. Mr. Raleigh, of the Methodist church, that was named as "impending" a few weeks ago, has been fully determined upon. It is to be held in the Disciples church, on the west side, and will begin Thursday evening, March 22, at 8 o'clock. The debate will be held three times a week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The proposition to be discussed, which Mr. Berry affirms and Mr. Raleigh denies, is, "That the baptism of a penitent believer in water is for the remission of his past sins."

A Montana Testimonial.

I injured my eye two years ago, which caused intense pain ever since, and entire loss of vision, and the other eye began failing rapidly. Dr. Parsons, oculist and oculist, Helena, Montana, removed the eye in September, since which time I have had no pain, and the other eye has entirely recovered.

Wm. Blair, Oculist Station, Mont.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the recorder's office yesterday:

Charles S. Jackson to Joseph W. Crowell, lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

TO FIX THE FEES.

Some Action to be Taken on the So-Called Judicial Fee System.

Judge Caleb E. Irvine, of the probate court of Silver Bow county, is here upon invitation from several members of the legislature to assist in preparing a bill of some kind for the modification of the present fee law. Complaints from all quarters of the territory are being heard of the scant fees and salaries received by county officials. Judge Irvine, who has held office in Montana uninterruptedly for twenty-two years, is of the opinion that the present fee law should be repealed or amended. For an amendment he wants to see the scale of fees raised in nearly each case and for the justices of the peace and probate judges he says the \$600 yearly salary should remain, which, with the advance in fees, would make the office almost worth \$2,000 per year to the holder. As to the matter of taking cases to the probate court for immediate action, this court which has similar powers to the probate court in civil actions receives the same fee as the justice court, for taking written complaints as is required, should be increased. The fee for this work in the probate court is but \$1, whereas it should be at least \$2.50. And in many other instances the probate court is placed on equal level with the justice court where it is not so. As the law stands, "the said judge Irvine, the receipts will not actually pay the expenses of the several county officials. It is particularly true with the sheriff. But believe me all this trouble will be soon ended."

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